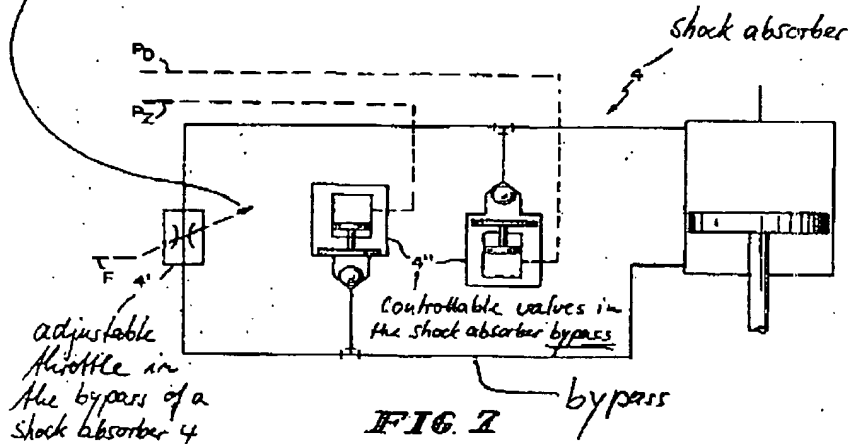


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*This arrow in hydraulic elements always indicates that the element is adjustable, thus also completely closeable, and not having a non-varying constricted flow cross-section!*



- 1) On page 2 of the Office Action of 27.01.2005 the examiner states that 4' in Fig. 7 of Klinkner designates a fixed bypass valve with a non-varying constricted flow cross-section. In column 7, line 13 of Klinkner it is clearly stated that 4' designates an adjustable throttle 4' in the bypass of a shock absorber. Thus, it is clear that the examiner is in error.
- 2) Fig. 7 of Klinkner clearly shows an adjustable and controllable bypass of a shock absorber. There is no fixed bypass ~~with~~ having a non-varying constricted flow cross-section.
- 3) Values 4'' are located in the bypass, see Fig. 7 and column 7, line 9 ~~to~~ to line 18. In our invention, the flow regulating systems for the compression and decompression phase which provide continuous damping by having continuous flow resistance are not located in a bypass, but in the main flow path through piston 3!